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Resource Management Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walter Elder  
Executive Secretary PRC/NFIB

FROM:   
Acting Director, Policy Guidance Office

SUBJECT: Input to the DCI's Annual Report

1.  Preparation of the DCI's Annual Report for calendar year 1978, due to the President and the Congress by 25 January 1979, is now under way. The DCI has approved a concept for this year's Annual Report which is more selective than last year's, both because this seems more appropriate to a 1978 characterized by attention to key intelligence issues rather than the comprehensive report approach used for 1977 as a year of extensive community restructuring, and also to limit length for a busy reader to a manageable 30-40 pages (last year's ran 80 plus). The DCI has also approved an outline for this year's report (Attachment 1). Part I is designed to allow the DCI to highlight the particular characteristics and emphases of 1978 in intelligence; Part II is intended to air several issues of great importance to him, his key Executive users, and the Congress. The Annual Report will carry a high classification and receive extremely limited distribution.

2.  As the staff officer with the best presumed insight into the evolution of the NFIB and the PRC(I), we would appreciate some brief overview comments on the nature and concerns of these two bodies in 1978. Specifically:

a. the NFIB: new members added in 1978 (any other than Justice?); Commerce's observer status; the DDCI's role as Vice Chairman; relative proportion nowadays of NFIB attention to substantive, resource management, or other (please specify general categories) matters; increased use of executive session for general (as well as confidential) communication purposes; other noteworthy NFIB activities (e.g., charter legislation?).

b. PRC(I): DCI's arrangements for representing Commerce and Energy's interests without membership. What should the DCI say in his Annual Report about his view of the PRC(I)'s role, purposes, priorities and activities? Please comment on PRC(I)'s major concerns and activities: progress on consumer intelligence requirements; status of consideration of priorities among requirements; status

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of (sizing the problem?) relating requirements and priorities to programs and budgets; other?

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Attachments:

1. DCI Revised Outline AR for 1978
2. DCI letter to NFIB principals requesting help on Annual Report

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